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INFO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OCLR, RP

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE: AIR TRUST COMPANY

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY 13TH AF THAT ON JUNE 6 AN AIR TRUST LOCKHEED ELECTRA, REGISTRY NO. N5514 ENTERED PHILIPPINE AIRSPACE WITHOUT A DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE.

2. IT IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT BASED ON TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE FROM COMPANY PHILIPPINE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GAVE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR THIS AIRCRAFT TO OVERFLY THE PHILIPPINES ON JUNE 4, 11, 25 AND 28 BUT NOTREPEAT NOT JUNE 6.

3. PHILIPPINE REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT THE OVERFLIGHT TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE TWENTY FOUR HOUR PERIOD OF THE TIME FOR WHICH CLEARANCE IS GIVEN I.E. IF THE CLEARANCE IS FOR JUNE 4 THE OVERFLIGHT MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE 24 HOURS OF JUNE 4. ANY CHANGE IN DATE MUST BE REPORTED TO THE DFA.

4. IT IS EMBASSY UNDERSTANDING THAT WHEN AIRTRUST AIRCRAFT WAS FIRST CONTACTED AFTER ENTERING PHILIPPINE ADIZ, IT WAS INSTRUCTED TO LAND IN MANILA BECAUSE IT HAD VIOLATED PHILIPPINE REGULATIONS. ACCORDING TO 13AF, WHICH CONTACTED PLANE, PILOT RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM COMPANY TO LAND MANILA AND HAD NO INTENTION OF DOING SO.

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5. PAF RELENTED AND ALLOWED PLANE TO PROCEED PROVIDED

IT DID NOT COME WITHIN TEN MILES OF ISLAND OF LUZON.  
PILOT COMPLIED.

6. EMBASSY MANILA WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT  
BRINGING THIS INCIDENT TO THE ATTENTION OF AIR TRUST  
AND REMINDING COMPANY THAT WHEN OVERFLYING ANOTHER  
COUNTRY, THEY MUST COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THAT  
COUNTRY AND IF THEY ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH THOSE  
REGULATIONS THEY HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO BECOME SO.

7. MOST IMPORTANTLY, WHEN ENTERING PHILIPPINE AIRSPACE  
ANY AIRCRAFT IS OBLIGED TO FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS  
ISSUED BY PHILIPPINE AIR CONTROL. TO FAIL TO DO SO  
COULD RESULT IN AN UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT WHICH COULD  
AFFECT ALL U.S. PLANES.

8. GRATEFULLY, THE EMBASSY WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE  
CLEARANCE PROCEDURE. EMBASSY HAS HAD MORE THAN TOO  
MANY INCIDENTS INVOLVING U.S. AIRCRAFT VIOLATING  
PHILIPPINE REGULATIONS. PLEASE WARN AIR TRUST THAT IF  
THERE ARE ANY FURTHER INCIDENTS OF THIS SORT PAF COULD  
WELL IMPOSE SEVERE PENALTIES AND EMBASSY MAY NOT BE  
ABLE TO SMOOTH THINGS OUT EASILY.

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